

Remarks

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claim 4 has been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. New claims 8-12 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, e.g., at page 104, lines 6-15. Support for new claims 11 can be found, e.g., at page 134, lines 13-20. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2002 in the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-3, drawn to a nucleic acid comprising a nucleic sequence capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 3. Applicants further elect with traverse SEQ ID NO: 2, i.e., claim 2. The traversal is to the extent that no undue burden would be required to search all groups.

Conclusion

If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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